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*Caryn Nelson*



MISS FINLAND  
*Kristina Guindon*



MISS NORWAY  
*Keysa Hale*



MISS SWEDEN  
*Juliet Svensson*



We Welcome  
You to  
Experience  
the Astoria  
Scandinavian  
Midsummer  
Festival!

31st Annual  
**Scandinavian  
Midsummer  
Festival**



MISS SCANDINAVIA 1997  
*Jaclyn O'Bryant*

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# Coronation of Miss Scandinavia 1998

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1998 – 7:30 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies ..... *Roger Rocka*  
Presentation of Colors ..... *Each National Anthem will  
be sung as Flag and Princess enter.*

## Presentation of 1998 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court

Miss Denmark ..... *Caryn Nelson*  
Junior Miss Denmark ..... *Katie Choate*  
Miss Finland ..... *Kristina Guindon*  
Junior Miss Finland ..... *Tanya Gauthier*  
Miss Iceland .....  
Miss Norway ..... *Keysa Hale*  
Junior Miss Norway ..... *Marlie Jo Cokley*  
Miss Sweden ..... *Juliet Svensson*  
Junior Miss Sweden ..... *Danielle Carlson*  
Crown Bearer ..... *Patrick Kahn*  
Senior Court Chaperone ..... *Carla Oja*  
Junior Court Chaperone ..... *Melissa Takalo*  
1997 Miss Scandinavia ..... *Jaclyn O'Bryant*

Greetings ..... *City of Astoria*  
Princess Speeches ..... *"What My National Heritage Means to Me"*  
Presentation ..... *Honored Guests*  
Dance Selections ..... *Viking-Nordic Folk Dancers of Astoria*  
Recognition ..... *Parents of Court*  
Dance Selections ..... *Scandia Dancers of Astoria*  
Scholarship Presentation ..... *Dave Hoofnagle*  
Farewell Speech ..... *Jaclyn O'Bryant*  
Introduction ..... *Coronation Ceremony Judges*  
Crowning ..... *Miss Scandinavia 1998*  
Acceptance Speech ..... *Miss Scandinavia 1998*

**Thanks to:**  
*Anderson Jewelry for donating the Crown for the ninth year.*



## TORCHLIGHT PARADE AND HEX BONFIRE

Immediately following a short photo session of the Court, the Scandia Dancers and a parade of musicians will lead the Court in a torchlight procession to the parking lot south of the auditorium for the traditional hex burning ceremony and community sing-along.

According to Scandinavian folklore, tossing straw hexes into the flames of the bonfire brings good luck and freedom from evil spirits to those who pitch a straw doll into the fire.

During preparation for the 1980 Festival, the hexes were no where to be found and none were tossed into the bonfire. This maybe the reason why Miss Scandinavia 1980 had a terrible time keeping her crown on. The straw hexes are made each year by the Scandinavian Festival Court and volunteers.

### QUEEN'S BALL

9:00 p.m. to Midnight  
in the Cafeteria.

Music by  
**Sylvia & the Fjordsong Band**  
of Puyallup, Washington.

Coffee and soft drinks will be  
served by the  
Viking-Nordic Folk Dance  
parents in booth near  
the cafeteria.

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Astoria Midsummer Scandinavian Festival Association has revived our scholarship fund program of \$500.00

The scholarship is awarded based on citizenship, scholarship, school participation and involvement in the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival activities.

*In 1997 Clinton Oja and Katrina Takalo  
were awarded the scholarships.*

### Past Queens

1968 - Marjorie Yost  
1969 - Carol Johansen  
1970 - Sirpa Perkiomaki  
1971 - Melissa Hill  
1972 - Rhonda Lammi  
1973 - Judy Angberg  
1974 - Marianne Larson, *crowned*  
Linda Sjoblom, *reigned*  
1975 - Karen Niemi  
1976 - Kim Tinner  
1977 - Gail Norrman  
1978 - Tina Hess  
1979 - Susan Edison  
1980 - Leila Koskela  
1981 - Sigrid Ness  
1982 - Cheryl Cruzan  
1983 - Julie Lampa  
1984 - Ann Madsen  
1985 - Marja Leena Tila  
1986 - Donna Brunner  
1987 - Shari Fay  
1988 - Saara Carlson  
1989 - Josie Hemeon  
1990 - Kristen Jacobsen  
1991 - Melissa Rose  
1992 - Allea Thomas  
1993 - Jenny Gustafson  
1994 - Amy Goin  
1995 - Kerry Stevenson  
1996 - Niina Salo  
1997 - Jaclyn O'Bryant



# National Anthems

## STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's  
early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the  
twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched,  
were so gallantly streaming.  
And the rockets' red glare; the bombs  
bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night that  
our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner  
yet wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the  
home of the brave?

## DENMARK

Der er et yndigt land, det staar  
med brede boge,  
Naer salten osterstrand, naer  
salten osterstrand.  
Det Bugter sig i bakke dal, det  
hedder gamle Danmark.  
Og det er Frejas sal, og det er  
Frejas sal.

## FINLAND

Oi Maamme, Suomi, Synnyinmaa!  
Soi sana kultainen.  
Ei laaksoa, ei kukkulaa, ei vetta  
rantaa rakkaampaa  
Kuin Kotima taa pohjoinen, maa  
kallis isien.

## ICELAND

O, Guth vors lands, o lands vors guth!  
Ver lofum thiitt heilaga, heilaga nafn.  
Ur solker fum himnanna hnyta  
ther krans  
Thinir herskarar timanna safn.  
Fyrir ther er einn dagur sem  
thusund ar  
Og thusund ar dagur ei meir.  
Eitt eilifthar smablom meth  
titrandi tar  
Sem tilbithur guth sinn og deyr.  
Islands thusund ar, islands thusand ar:  
Eitt eilifthar smablom meth  
titrandi tar,  
Sem tilbithur guth sinn og deyr.

## NORWAY

Ja, vi elsker dette landet,  
som det stiger frem,  
Furet, verbidt over landet  
med de tusen hjem.  
Elsker, elsker det og tenker,  
pa vor far og mor,  
Og den saganatt som senker,  
drommer pa vor jord.  
Og den saganatt, som senker,  
drommer pa vor jord.

## SWEDEN

Du gamla, du fria, du Fjellhoga Nord.  
Du tysta, du gladjerika skona!  
Jag halsar dig vanaste land uppa jord,  
Din sol, din himmel, dina angder grona,  
Din sol, din himmel, dina angder grona.



# Special Food & Drink

## BEER GARDEN

*Sponsored by Astoria Elks Lodge #180*

**Friday** ..... 6:00 p.m. - Midnight  
**Saturday** ..... Noon - 1:00 a.m.

### *Beer Garden Entertainment:*

#### **FRIDAY**

9:00 p.m. - Midnight ..... *Hey Guys & Gals*

#### **SATURDAY**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. .... *Coreen Bergholm*  
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. .... *Ralph & Ray*  
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. .... *Ryan Phillips*  
 8:00 p.m. - Midnight ..... *Richard & Bjarne*

## **SATURDAY BREAKFAST**

*Served in the Cafeteria  
and sponsored by the  
Clatsop Association of  
Realtors Scholarship Fund.*

**Hours served:**  
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**MENU:**  
Ham, Scrambled Eggs and  
All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes,  
Coffee, Tea & Milk.

**COST:**  
\$4.00 for Adults,  
\$2.75 for  
Children 6-12,  
5 and Under  
Free!

## **SATURDAY LUNCH**

*Served in the Cafeteria  
and sponsored by the  
Swedish Order of Vasa.*

**Hours served:**  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**MENU:**  
Swedish Pea Soup & Rye  
Bread. Coffee, Milk, or Pop  
**COST:** \$4.00

## **SATURDAY SCANDINAVIAN DINNER**

*Served in the Cafeteria and  
sponsored by the Swedish  
Order of Vasa.*

**Hours served**  
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**MENU:**  
Swedish Meat Balls, Mashed  
Potatoes & Gravy,  
Red Cabbage, Green Beans,  
Rolls, Dessert and a Beverage.

**COST:** \$7.00 for Adults,  
\$4.00 for Children 6-12,  
5 and Under Free!

## **SUNDAY BRUNCH**

*Served in the cafeteria and sponsored by  
the Astoria Rotary Club.*

**Hours served:** 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**MENU:**  
Pannukakku (Finnish Pancake),  
Danish Ham, Fresh Fruit,  
Coffee, Tea & Milk.

**COST:**  
\$5.00 for Adults,  
\$3.00 for Children 6-12,  
5 and Under Free!

## **SUNDAY FESTIVAL LUNCHEON**

*Served in the cafeteria and sponsored by  
the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Assoc.*

**Hours served:** 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
(Open to the Public - Limited Seating)

**MENU:**  
Roast Pork, Potatoes, Vegetables,  
Beverage and Dessert.

**COST:** \$6.00 for Adults,  
\$3.00 for Children 6-12,  
5 and Under Free!





# 1998 Raffle Prizes



## Grand Prize:

### 2 ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO SCANDINAVIA

*(Certain Restrictions Apply)*

donated by

Scandinavian Airlines & Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association  
Travel Arrangements through SUNDIAL TRAVEL - Astoria & Seaside

OR **\$500 CASH**

from Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association

### Other Donations:

Finnish Wall Hanging .....  
Norwegian Sweater .....  
Handmade Christmas Ornaments .....  
Bing and Grøndahl Platter .....  
Norwegian Pewter Spoon .....  
Swedish Crystal Bowl .....  
Three-Pack Smoked Salmon .....  
1997 Royal Copenhagen Christmas Plate .....  
Electric Candles .....  
CeWec Needlework Kit .....  
\$50.00 Gift Certificate .....  
A Gift from Finland .....

### Donated By:

Finn Ware of Oregon  
Lindco of Lynwood, Washington  
Viking-Nordic Folk Dancers of Astoria  
Lower Columbia Danish Society  
Sons of Norway  
Swedish Order of Vasa  
Josephson's of Astoria  
Aagesen's Imports of Cannon Beach  
Desirée of Sweden of Redmond, WA  
Bent Needle, Inc. of Astoria  
Hauke's Sentry Market  
Finnish Brotherhood Auxiliary

### Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Donations:

Danish Wrought Iron Candleholder  
Norwegian Glassverk Vase  
Finnish Ittala Crystal Bowl  
Swedish Candolier  
Amber Necklace & Earrings

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT RAFFLE BOOTH IN GYM.**

Drawing will be at the closing ceremony, Sunday, June 21st at 4:00 p.m.



# Special Events

## SATURDAY

- 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. .... *Booths Open in Gym*
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. .... *Barnefest - Gymnasium Mezzanine*  
Fun Activities for kids.  
(Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult)
- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. .... *Travel Films of Scandinavia by*  
*SUNDIAL TRAVEL of Astoria and Seaside, Oregon in the Band Room.*  
Come in for Brochures and any questions.
- 11:00 a.m. .... *Optog - Downtown*
- 12:15 p.m. .... *Flag Raising Ceremony - Center Lawn*
- 12:30 p.m. .... *Midsummer Pole and Long Dance - Center Lawn*
- 1:00 p.m. .... *Bentwood Box Workshop - Wood Shop*  
Continues through Sunday - Presented by RiverCraft
- 2:50 p.m. .... *Parade of Native Costumes - Center Lawn*

## SATURDAY EVENING

- 7:00 p.m. .... *Special Program in the Auditorium*  
*Scandinavian Midsummer Theatre Group*  
Introduction of Honored Immigrant from each Scandinavian Country  
*Hey Guys & Gals*
- Mistress of Ceremonies .... *Diana Coryell*
- 9:00 p.m. to Midnight .... *Public Dance*  
*The Scandinavian Orchestra in the cafeteria*

## SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. .... *Booths Open in Gym*
- 11:00 a.m. .... *Traditional Scandinavian Church Service*  
*in the Auditorium*
- 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ... *Travel Films of Scandinavia by SUNDIAL TRAVEL*
- 12:15 p.m. .... *Flag Raising Ceremony - Center Lawn*
- 4:00 p.m. .... *Closing Ceremony & Raffle Drawing*  
*in the Auditorium*



# Continuous Entertainment

## FRIDAY

- 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. .... *Coronation of Miss Scandinavia 1998*  
*Torchlight Parade & Hex Bonfire*
- 8:00 p.m. .... *Polka, Schottische, Waltz pre-dance Instructions* - Helga Dellinger in the Cafeteria
- 9:00 p.m. to Midnight ..... *Queen's Ball featuring*  
*Sylvia and the Fjordsong Band*

## SATURDAY

### CENTER LAWN

- 1:00 p.m. .... *Viking Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon
- 1:20 p.m. .... *Nordic Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon
- 1:40 p.m. .... *Scandia Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon
- 2:00 p.m. .... *Norwegian Youth Choir*  
 Tacoma, Washington
- 2:30 p.m. .... *Nordlys*  
 Hillsboro, Oregon
- 2:50 p.m. .... *Parade of Native Costumes*
- 3:20 p.m. .... *Katrilie Finnish Folkdancers*  
 Seattle, Washington
- 3:40 p.m. .... *Arne Skogland*  
 Accordion Music - Lake Oswego, Oregon
- 4:00 p.m. .... *Nysallen Kantelet*  
 Wilho Saari, Naselle, Washington
- 4:20 p.m. .... *Leikkerringen Dancers*  
 Portland, Oregon

### AUDITORIUM

- 1:00 p.m. .... *Portland Finnish Singers*
- 1:30 p.m. .... *Katrilie Finnish Folkdancers*  
 Seattle, Washington
- 1:50 p.m. .... *Nysallen Kantelet*  
 Wilho Saari, Naselle, Washington
- 2:10 p.m. .... *Leikkerringen Dancers*  
 Portland, Oregon
- 3:00 p.m. .... *Norwegian Youth Choir*  
 Tacoma, Washington
- 3:30 p.m. .... *Musical Jam Session*
- 4:15 p.m. .... *Nordlys*  
 Hillsboro, Oregon
- 4:35 p.m. .... *Arne Skogland*  
 Accordion Music - Lake Oswego, Oregon
- 4:55 p.m. .... *Nordic Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon
- 5:10 p.m. .... *Viking Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon
- 5:25 p.m. .... *Scandia Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon

## SUNDAY

### CENTER LAWN

- 1:30 p.m. .... *Tva Spelmän*  
 Swedish Fiddling - Portland, Oregon
- 2:00 p.m. .... *Viking, Nordic and*  
*Scandia Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon
- 2:45 p.m. .... *Ryan Phillips*  
 Accordion Music - Astoria, Oregon
- 3:00 p.m. .... *Hey Guys & Gals*  
 Aloha, Oregon

### AUDITORIUM

- 1:30 p.m. .... *Hey Guys & Gals*  
 Aloha, Oregon
- 2:30 p.m. .... *Tva Spelmän*  
 Swedish Fiddling - Portland, Oregon
- 3:00 p.m. .... *Viking, Nordic and*  
*Scandia Dancers*  
 Astoria, Oregon
- 4:00 p.m. .... *Closing Ceremony*



Snack Bar (Nordic Viking Mothers)

Mens

Womens

ENTER

ENTER

Finn Ware  
of Oregon

Smart  
Reader

Warmth  
of Wood

KVAS

Viking  
Nordic  
Dancers

Brown  
Baggers

Scandinavian  
Workshop

Sons  
of  
Norway

Gerda's  
Printwear

The  
Bent Needle

Scandia  
Imports

D.  
Kvernvik

**GYM  
LOWER LEVEL**

**Information  
Raffle Booth**

Ettro/Estoos

Unique  
Crafts by  
Tony

Butterfly  
Fleet

Rainbow  
Originals

Saara  
Matthews

Curt & Pam  
Allen

Vesterdalen  
Designs &  
Nordic  
Adventures

Hardangersøm

Danish  
Society

Krumkake  
& Tarts

Bar-A-  
Pottery

Desiree  
of  
Sweden

Ladies  
of  
Kaleva

Norwegian  
Rosemaling

KCYS &  
KCBZ

Doris  
Andrews  
Originals

# Barnef

**SATURDAY**  
In Gym Mezzanine

**HOURS:**  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
(Children 8 and under  
accompanied by an adult)

**Fun Activities  
For The Family**

- Face Painting
- Storytelling
- Games
- Crafts
- Fun For All!

**GYM  
MEZZANINE**

STAIRWAY  
TO  
MEZZANINE

EXIT

Daughters  
of Norway

Finnish  
Brotherhood

Art from  
the Heart

Lindco

EMERGENCY  
EXIT



TURNAROUND



OUTSIDE  
BREEZEWAY

DOOR TO GYM →

AHS Senior Celebrate | Morin's Landing | Aagesen's Imports | Finnish Free Church | Ft. Stevens Strawberry Shortcake

Door

School House Quilters

Finntrade

Myron & Mary Nelson

Door

Land of the Midnight Suns

Inkeri of Finland

Other Lands

Door

HALLWAY TO GYM →

### MAP LEGEND

\* Admission Areas

❖ Restrooms

V-N  
Snack Booth

Sausage Tent

North Yard

Beer Garden



Cafeteria

Woodshop

Net Mending

Courtyard  
Flagraising  
Midsummer Pole



Auditorium

Band Room

Sundial Travel Scandinavian Films  
In Band Room

Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sun. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Gymnasium

Snacks

Bentwood Box  
WORKSHOP  
in Woodshop

STAIRWAY  
FROM  
OVER LEVEL

## CRAFT DEMONSTRATION & WORKSHOP

RiverCraft is proud to present this workshop titled "Making a Traditional Scandinavian Bentwood Box" with instructor Bruce Bogard, a professional furniture maker from Corvallis, Oregon, at this year's Festival. RiverCraft is a newly formed nonprofit organization whose mission is providing quality educational programs, to support and promote a strong identity for traditional and contemporary crafts in our Columbia/Pacific region. For more information about RiverCraft and future programs call 325-8609 or 325-1270.

The "Bentwood Box" workshop will begin Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and continue through Sunday, with the project taking approximately 6 to 9 hours to complete, depending on the design. Participants will be making a round, open style, flat-bread serving box as displayed at the workshop. This workshop is designed for adults and will cost \$20.00 for materials. Registration is on Saturday before the workshop.

Jim Bergeron of Astoria will be demonstrating the steam-bent cedar box building techniques of Pacific Northwest Coastal native Americans, as well as hand adz carving and texturing of Red Cedar.



### Barnefest

**SATURDAY**

In Gym Mezzanine

**HOURS:**

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

### Fun Activities For The Family!

- Face Painting
- Storytelling
- Games
- Crafts
- Fun For All!

### Scandinavian Bentwood Demonstration Workshop

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

In Woodshop Near Auditorium

• Registration on Saturday •

Workshop Begins at

1:00 p.m. on Saturday

• Continues on Sunday •

"Making A Traditional  
Scandinavian Bentwood Box"

Cost: \$20.00 for materials

Sponsored by  
**RiverCraft**

A Regional Center for  
Traditional and  
Contemporary Crafts



# Entertainment

## SYLVIA AND THE FJORDSONG BAND



Sylvia Storaasli and the Fjordsong Band (Fee Yord' Song) are returning to Astoria with their program and dance music. They will play for the Queen's Ball on Friday evening in the cafeteria.

Their repertoire reflects music of many countries. They specialize in Scandinavian, German, and Slovenian polkas and waltzes. This variety band plays not only "Old Tyme", but American standards, country western, ballroom, and Latin. They play to the crowd and change their repertoire to suit the occasion. They are an experienced band, enjoy what they do, and it shows!

They have received national and international recognition as they have gone on tour with their programs and dance music. The nucleus of the band has continued to be Carl Nyberg and Sylvia Storaasli. Another member of the band is Paul Johnson who is Sylvia's brother. Paul is the band's drummer in the Northwest and sings. Carl speaks and sings fluently in both Finnish and Swedish. His father came from northern Sweden and his mother was born in Finland. Sylvia's grandparents came from Vistal, Norway

on her mother's side, and from Vistdal, Finland on her father's side of the family.

Sylvia and the Fjordsong Band will provide a lively program that will delight audiences of all ages.



## HEY GUYS AND GALS

This wonderful group will entertain listeners on Sunday.





JUNIOR & SENIOR  
MISS DENMARK

*Katie Choate  
Caryn Nelson*



JUNIOR & SENIOR  
MISS FINLAND

*Tanya Gauthier  
Kristina Guindon*



SENIOR COURT  
CHAPERONE

*Carla Oja*



JUNIOR COURT  
CHAPERONE

*Melissa Takalo*



JUNIOR & SENIOR  
MISS NORWAY

*Marlie Jo Cokley  
Keysa Hale*



JUNIOR & SENIOR  
MISS SWEDEN

*Danielle Carlson  
Juliet Svensson*



CROWN BEARER

*Patrick Kahn*



A highlight at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is the recognition of an immigrant from each of the five Scandinavian countries. They will be introduced Saturday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. during the Special Program. It has become an annual tradition for the local Scandinavian lodges to honor those that have brought their heritage to our community. It's interesting to hear what prompted them to leave "the old country" and how they have lived their lives here in the United States.

## 1998 HONORED SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANT

### Einar Lovvold NORWEGIAN IMMIGRANT

Einar Lovvold was born on May 9th, 1919 in Kjerringoy, Norway to Alfreda and Thorvold Lovvold.

Money and work were hard to find on this small island of Kjerringoy, which is located far north in Norway, above the Arctic Circle close to the famous fishing grounds of the Lofoten Islands. Trying to make life better for his family, Einar's father came to America where he had a brother and several uncles who had located in the small fishing town of Astoria. Einar's dad, Thorvold rented a boat and started fishing and when he had saved enough money, he went back to Norway to bring his family back to America. But his wife Alfreda was not ready to leave Norway. So Einar's father came back to Astoria alone to continue fishing and a few years later once again went back to Norway and this time returned to Astoria with the whole family intact.

The family included Einar, who was 10, his mother and father, a younger brother Rudolf who was 8, and his 6 year old sister Edith. The Lovvold family arrived in their new home in 1930. Einar also had two uncles and aunt living in Astoria.

The family moved into a rented home at first and a few years later were able to purchase their own on Harrison Avenue. In 1934 Einar's father was able to purchase his own boat.

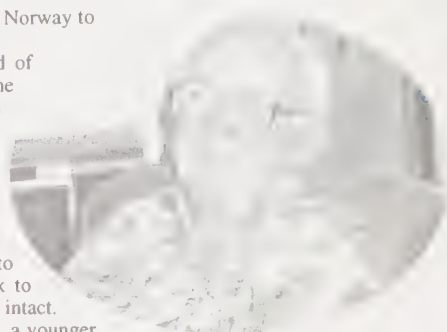
Since the family arrived in Astoria in the month of February, the first thing the kids had to do was enroll in school and the next thing they had to do was learn the English language. Einar must have studied hard because he made it through grade school and then graduated from Astoria High School in 1940. In 1946, Einar married a beautiful young lady named Eva Richard from Bandon, Oregon. They have been married for 52 years and have two married daughters. Marilyn lives in California and is in the sales field. Janice lives in Vancouver, Washington and is a teacher at Mt. Hood Community College.

Einar, like many of our immigrants, was proud to serve his new country and he showed that pride by serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. His military service started on D-Day and lasted for 5 years, during which time he fought in both the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Normandy. We should all be very thankful for the fact that Einar paid a dear price for his courage and received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in battle.

Like his father, Einar made his living fishing. His first boat was named the "Torvold", the second the "May". His last boat was the pride of the fleet named the "Arctic", a beautiful 65 foot schooner, much like you would see being fished in Norway. Before retirement, Einar was thought of by his fellow fisherman as "one of the best" and he was highly respected by all who sailed with him.

Einar has visited Norway 4 times and in 1989 there was a huge family reunion in Kjerringoy where over 200 relatives gathered. Einar is the last one of his immediate family but he has been left with many memories to cherish.

*"May our fore fathers be remembered,  
As we change with every season  
From them a legacy is rendered,  
Which is vast beyond all reason."*



## 1998 HONORED SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANT

### Elsa and Valio Rautio FINNISH IMMIGRANTS

This year the Finnish Brotherhood is pleased to have immigrants Elsa and Valio Rautio representing them at the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. Both Elsa and Valio were born in Kalvia, Finland; Valio on 6/23/17 and Elsa on 2/27/23. It was first Elsa's dream to immigrate to America as her parents had lived in Wyoming for 11 years. Interestingly, Valio's grandfather had also lived in America.

The war delayed Elsa's plans. It was during this period that she met Valio, a soldier. They married and had 3 daughters. Living on the farm with Valio's family, they saw no economic future in farming. They now looked to America for their future, and after waiting 4 years to obtain their visas, they arrived in New York, January 16, 1955. Astoria was their destination as Elsa's aunt had settled here. Valio was able to find work on a mink ranch. Later he would do carpentry work and finally settled in for 21 years at the plywood mill. Elsa worked 18 years for the Bumble Bee Company, and sometimes would work in Alaska for the summer. What they remember and cherish are the wonderful people who befriended and helped them during those transition years. And of course, they still talk about the salmon, so plentiful, so affordable, and so delicious to eat when they first arrived in Astoria, in 1955.

The Rautios have three daughters: Lisa in Wyoming, Maria in Beaverton, Eija here in Astoria, and they also have seven grandchildren. In addition to raising their family, Elsa was busy with handwork, especially weaving, and Valio enjoyed woodworking projects. And together, they continued their Finnish heritage of working with the good earth, raising beautiful gardens.

Elsa and Valio have made a number of trips back to Finland over the years to visit their families and friends. But home is here in Astoria.



### Elfi West Nordgren SWEDISH IMMIGRANT

Elfi West Nordgren was born on May 10, 1928 in Närpes, Finland; which is a Swedish development in Finland. She and her twin sister, Elly, were raised on a farm by their Swedish parents.

Her education includes two years beyond high school level. She wanted to be a nurse and worked two years at a local hospital towards that goal, but illness caused her to resign. When she was 13 years old, a neighbor woman taught her how to operate a telephone switchboard. At the age of 19 she acquired a steady job at the local telephone company until she married John Nordgren on September 12, 1953.

Elfi began corresponding with John in 1950 while he was residing in Astoria. he had been raised close to her area but moved to Astoria with his folks.

After corresponding for three years, he made a trip to check on his residence and also to see Elfi. It was love at first sight and within three months they were married.

The honeymoon was going to be a trip to America and settling in Astoria, but tragically Elfi was afflicted with polio three weeks after the wedding. Since John had a job in Astoria, he had to return so he would not lose his income.

Elfi was in and out of the hospital for two years and the third year she returned to her telephone job.

Finally on November 6, 1956 Elfi was on her way by plane to America. What a happy occasion!!!

When she came to Astoria, she and John lived with the Nordgrens while John renovated a home. They lived there for 20 years.

John built a home that was wheelchair accessible and they have lived there for 22 years.

Elfi and John went back to Finland and Sweden in 1965 and again in 1980. They visited her sister who still lives in Närpes with her family and also three aunts and many friends and relatives.

Elfi's hobby is handwork; such as needlepoint, embroidery, knitting and crocheting.

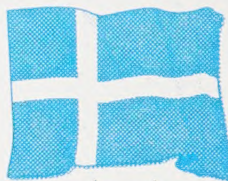
Her husband, John, was the Swedish Immigrant at last year's festival.



# Flags of Scandinavia

## DENMARK, EUROPE'S OLDEST MONARCHY

Denmark, the oldest monarchy in Europe, also has the oldest flag. It is called "Dannebrog". It is thought that this flag, showing a white cross on a red field, was a gift from the Pope for the 13th century crusade against eastern pagans. The earliest account of the use of Dannebrog dates back to the 1500's, with the flag established as a naval ensign. It became the standard of the Danish Army in 1842. The name, Dannebrog, probably derives from the Frisian words "dan" meaning red, and "broge" which originally meant a colored cloth. Although the Faroe Islands belong to Denmark, they fly their own flag. It has a small red cross within a larger blue cross over a white field.



## FINLAND, INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC IN 1917

The Finnish flag features a blue cross on a white field. According to tradition, the design was proposed by poet, Sakari Topelius, in the 1860's. He said that the colors symbolized "the blue of our lakes and the white snow of our winters." It was made official about six months after Finland achieved its independence after World War I. The Åland Islands are between Finland and Sweden. They are mostly populated by people of Swedish descent but administered by Finland. The flag of the Åland Islands shows this blend with a small red cross within a larger yellow cross over a blue field.



## ICELAND, INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC IN 1944

Iceland was a Danish possession during the 1800's, became a state of Denmark and finally was made independent in 1944. Its national flag consists of a small red cross within a larger white cross over a blue field. The blue represents the sky, the white is the prominent snow, and the red symbolizes the fiery volcanoes. This flag was used when Iceland gained its independence.



## NORWAY, A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

After being ruled by Denmark from the 14th century until 1814 and then untied with Sweden for nearly a century, Norway became an independent country in 1905. The present design of a small blue cross within a larger white cross over a field of red appeared as the merchant ensign in the 1820's. It was not used nationally until the late 1890's and became the official national flag in 1905.



## SWEDEN, CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

Sweden's flag with the yellow cross and the light blue field is probably derived from an ancient state coat-of-arms. In 1569, Johan III wished that the gilded (yellow) cross of the traditional coat-of-arms should appear on all Swedish banners, standards and flags.

During the reign of King Gustav Adolphus, this design became the Swedish naval ensign. The current design was made official in 1906.



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